

REMARKS

Claims 18-20 and 22 are pending in this application. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicated that the December 3, 2003 Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment did not provide each claim with the proper claim status identifier, and specifically, that claim 20 should be identified as "Previously Presented." This Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment includes a complete listing of the claims, each with its appropriate status identifier.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 18-20 and 22 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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